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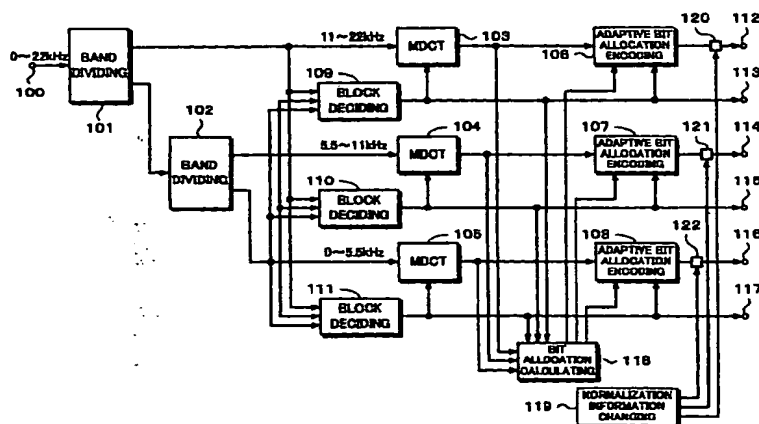
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(54) **Editing apparatus and editing method**

(57) The present invention is an editing apparatus and an editing method for allowing the user to designate a desired portion of a particular program recorded as a highly efficient encoded digital signal on a record medium, reproducing the portion designated by the user, changing normalization information contained in

the reproduced digital signal, performing a sound field process for the digital signal, and recoding the resultant signal to the record medium, wherein the record position of the program is edited corresponding to the designated portion.

Fig. 1



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Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to an editing apparatus and an editing method for editing for example audio data recorded on a record medium.

Description of the Related Art

[0002] As a related art reference of a highly efficiently encoding method for an audio signal, for example, a transform encoding method is known. The transform encoding method is one example of a block-segmentation frequency band dividing method. In the transform encoding method, a time-base audio signal is segmented into blocks at intervals of a predetermined unit time period. The time-base signal of each block is converted into a frequency-base signal (namely, orthogonally transformed). Thus, the time-base signal is divided into a plurality of frequency bands. In each frequency band, blocks are encoded. As another related art reference, a sub band coding (SBC) method as an example of a non-block-segmentation frequency band dividing method is known. In the SBC method, a time-base audio signal is divided into a plurality of frequency bands and then encoded without segmenting the signal into blocks at intervals of a predetermined unit time period.

[0003] As another related art reference, a highly efficiently encoding method that is a combination of the band division encoding method and the SBC method is also known. In this highly efficiently encoding method, a signal of each sub band is orthogonally transformed into a frequency-base signal corresponding to the transform encoding method. The transformed signal is encoded in each sub band.

[0004] As an example of a band dividing filter used for the above-described sub band coding method, for example a QMF (Quadrature Mirror Filter) is known. The QMF is described in for example R. E. Crochiere "Digital coding of speech in sub bands" Bell Syst. Tech. J. Vol. 55. No. 8 (1976). An equal band width filter dividing method for a poly-phase quadrature filter and an apparatus thereof are described in ICASSP 83, BOSTON "Polyphase Quadrature filters - A new sub band coding technique", Joseph H. Rothwiler.

[0005] As an example of the orthogonal transform method, an input audio signal is segmented into blocks at intervals of a predetermined unit time period (for each frame). Each block is transformed by for example a fast Fourier transforming (FFT) method, a discrete cosine transforming (DCT) method, or a modified DCT transforming (MDCT) method. As a result, a time-base signal is converted into a frequency-base signal. The MDCT is described in for example ICASSP 1987, "Sub

band/Transform coding Using Filter Bank Designs Based on Time Domain Aliasing Cancellation", J. P. Princen and A. B. Bradley, Univ. of Surrey Royal Melbourne Inst. of Tech.

5 **[0006]** On the other hand, an encoding method that uses a frequency division width in consideration of the hearing characteristics of humans for quantizing each sub band frequency component is known. In other words, so-called critical bands of which their band widths are proportional to their frequencies have been widely used. With the critical bands, an audio signal may be divided into a plurality of sub bands (for example, 25 sub bands). According to such a sub band coding method, when data of each sub band is encoded, a predetermined number of bits is allocated for each sub band. Alternatively, an adaptive number of bits is allocated for each sub band. For example, when MDCT coefficient data generated by the MDCT process is encoded with the above-described bit allocating method, an adaptive number of bits is allocated to the MDCT coefficient data of each block of each sub band. With the allocated bits, each block is encoded.

[0007] An example of a related art reference of such a bit allocating method and an apparatus corresponding thereto is described as "a method for allocating bits corresponding to the strength of a signal of each sub band" in IEEE Transactions of Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing, vol. ASSP-25, NO. 4, August (1977). As another related art reference, "a method for fixedly allocating bits corresponding to a signal to noise ratio for each sub band using a masking of the sense of hearing" is described in ICASP, 1980, "The critical band coder - digital encoding of the perceptual requirements of the auditory system", M. A. Krasner MIT.

35 **[0008]** When each block is encoded for each sub band, each block is normalized and quantized for each sub band. Thus, each block is effectively encoded. This process is referred to as block floating process. When MDCT coefficient data generated by the MDCT process is encoded, the maximum value of the absolute values of the MDCT coefficients is obtained for each sub band. Corresponding to the maximum value, the MDCT coefficient data is normalized and then quantized. Thus, the MDCT coefficient data can be more effectively encoded. 40 The normalizing process can be performed as follows. From a plurality of numbered values, a value used for the normalizing process is selected for each block using a predetermined calculating process. The number assigned to the selected value is used as normalization information. The plurality of values are numbered so that they increment by 2 dB of an audio level.

45 **[0009]** The above-described highly effectively encoded signal is decoded as follows. With reference to the bit allocation information, the normalization information, and so forth for each sub band, MDCT coefficient data is generated corresponding to a signal that has been highly efficiently encoded. Since a so-called inversely orthogonally transforming process is per-

formed corresponding to the MDCT coefficient data; time-base data is generated. When the highly efficiently encoding process is performed, if the frequency band is divided into sub bands by a band dividing filter, the time-base data is combined using a sub band combining filter.

[0010] When numbered normalization information is changed by an adding process, a subtracting process, or the like, a reproduction level adjusting function, a filtering function, and so forth can be accomplished for a time-base signal of which a highly efficiently encoded data has been decoded. According to this method, since the reproduction level can be adjusted by a calculating process such as an adding process or a subtracting process, the structure of the apparatus becomes simple. In addition, since a decoding process, an encoding process, and so forth are not excessively required, the reproduction level can be adjusted without a deterioration of the signal quality. In addition, in this method, even if a highly efficiently encoded signal is changed, since the time period of the decoded signal does not vary, when numbered normalization information is changed, part of the signal generated by the decoding process can be changed. As a result of a partial change of such a signal, for example, a fade-in process and a fade-out process can be performed for a music program recorded on a disc. In this case, in the fade-in process, the fade-out process, and so forth, parameters of transition time, transition shape, transition start position, and transition end position can be designated. Thus, the fade shape can be more accurately formed.

[0011] As a record medium on which a signal that has been highly efficiently encoded is recorded, an MD (mini disc) that is a magneto-optical disc is known. In addition, an MD system that records and/or reproduces data such as audio data using an MD as a record medium is known. By adding a structure that performs a process for reflecting a changed result of numbered normalization information to recorded data to such an MD system, an editing function can be accomplished.

[0012] In the record format of an MD, besides a main data record area such as audio data, a management information area for recording information that represents a recorded area and a non-recorded area for data is formed. The management information area is referred to as U-TOC (User-Table Of Contents). When data is recorded on an MD, a non-recorded area is detected with reference to U-TOC. When data is reproduced from an MD, a area in which desired data has been recorded is detected with reference to U-TOC.

[0013] In U-TOC, the area in which recorded data such as audio data has been written is managed for each music program as a unit referred to as track. In other words, the start address, the end address, and so forth of each track are recorded. When the contents of U-TOC are updated, recorded data can be edited. As examples of such an editing process, a dividing process

for dividing one track into a plurality of tracks, a combining process for combining a plurality of tracks to one track, a moving process for changing track numbers of tracks in the reproducing order of a normal reproducing operation rather than a shuffle-reproducing operation, and an erasing process for erasing an unnecessary track can be easily and quickly performed.

[0014] However, when an editing process such as a fade-in process, a fade-out process, or the like is performed by changing normalization information of highly efficiently encoded information, the user may want to change the remaining data. For example, when the end address of a track of which the fade-out process has been performed does not match the last transition position of the fade-out process, if the region between the end address and the last position is treated as a new track, it may be detected as an unnecessary region. In such an editing process, by updating the contents of U-TOC, the region can be divided or erased.

[0015] In particular, after performing an editing process such as a fade-out process, he or she may want to perform a dividing process, an erasing process, or the like. Such an operation can be accomplished in such a manner that while checking the last transition position of the fade-out process with a rehearsal reproducing operation (namely, a trial reproducing operation), the user designates a dividing position, an erasing position, or the like. However, such an operation is very troublesome for the user. In addition, when the user designates an edit position for only an audio output as a rehearsal reproduction output, it is difficult to accurately designate the last transition position of the fade-out.

[0016] In addition, there is a case that an editing process for substituting a data region for the fade-out process with zero data or almost zero data is desired. Such an editing process cannot be accomplished by only a process for updating the contents of U-TOC. Such a problem mainly takes place in the fade-out process. However, it may take place in the fade-in process or the like.

OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0017] Therefore, an object of the present invention is to provide an editing apparatus and an editing method that allow a desired second editing process in association with a first editing process for changing normalization information or the like to be easily and accurately performed.

[0018] A first aspect of the present invention is an editing apparatus for editing a highly efficient encoded digital signal recorded on a record medium having a program area for recording programs and a management area for recording management information, each of the programs being composed of a digital signal containing at least normalization information that has been highly efficiently encoded corresponding to normalization information, quantization coefficients, and quantiza-

tion data calculated for each of a plurality of signal components divided in time-base direction and/or frequency-base direction, the management information being used to manage at least a record start position and a record end position of each of the programs recorded on the program area, comprising an operating means for designating an edit start position and an edit end position to vicinities of end portions of a predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, a reproducing means for reproducing a digital signal between the edit start position and the edit end position corresponding to the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, a changing means for changing normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced by the reproducing means, a recording means for substituting the normalization information changed by the changing means with the normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced by the reproducing means and re-recording the substituted normalization information to the record medium to the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position, and a management information editing means for editing the management information recorded in the management area of the record medium against the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position.

[0019] A second aspect of the present invention is an editing method for editing a highly efficient encoded digital signal recorded on a record medium having a program area for recording programs and a management area for recording management information, each of the programs being composed of a digital signal containing at least normalization information that has been highly efficiently encoded corresponding to normalization information, quantization coefficients, and quantization data calculated for each of a plurality of signal components divided in time-base direction and/or frequency-base direction, the management information being used to manage at least a record start position and a record end position of each of the programs recorded on the program area, comprising the steps of reproducing a digital signal between the edit start position and the edit end position corresponding to the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, changing normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced at the reproducing step, substituting the normalization information changed at the changing step with the normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced at the reproducing step and re-recording the substituted normalization information to the record medium to the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in

the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position, and editing the management information recorded in the management area of the record medium against the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position.

[0020] A third aspect of the present invention is an editing apparatus for editing a highly efficient encoded digital signal recorded on a record medium having a program area for recording programs and a management area for recording management information, each of the programs being composed of a digital signal containing at least normalization information that has been highly efficiently encoded corresponding to normalization information, quantization coefficients, and quantization data calculated for each of a plurality of signal components divided in time-base direction and/or frequency-base direction, the management information being used to manage at least a record position of each of the programs recorded on the program area, comprising an operating means for selecting a program to be edited and an edit region, a reproducing means for reproducing a digital signal including at least normalization information corresponding to the edit region selected by the operating means and management information from a management area of the record medium, a first storing means for storing the management information for managing at least record positions of individual programs, the management information being reproduced from the management area of the record medium, a second storing means for storing a digital signal including at least normalization information reproduced by the reproducing means, a rewriting means for rewriting normalization information in a digital signal including at least normalization information stored in the second storing means, a controlling means for overwriting a digital signal including normalization information rewritten by the rewriting means to the record medium corresponding to management information stored in the first storing means, a comparing means for comparing the record position of a program to be edited, the record position being stored in the first storing means with an edit region selected by the operating means, and a selecting means for detecting a remaining area as an edited result corresponding to the compared result of the comparing means and for selecting a process type for the detected remaining area.

[0021] These and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent in light of the following detailed description of a best mode embodiment thereof, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0022]

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing an encoding circuit that performs a highly efficiently encoding process according to the present invention; 5

Fig. 2A is a graph showing an orthogonally transformed block size in a long mode;

Fig. 2B is a graph showing an orthogonally transformed block size in a short mode; 10

Fig. 2C is a graph showing an orthogonally transformed block size in a middle mode - A;

Fig. 2D is a graph showing an orthogonally transformed block size in a middle mode - B; 15

Fig. 3 is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of encoded unit block data;

Fig. 4 is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of number of unit blocks and dually written data contained in unit block data shown in Fig. 3; 20

Fig. 5 is a block diagram showing the structure of a bit allocation calculating circuit shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a graph showing a frequency characteristic of an output signal of an energy calculating circuit shown in Fig. 5; 25

Fig. 7 is a graph showing a frequency characteristic of an output signal of a convolution filter circuit shown in Fig. 5;

Fig. 8 is a graph showing a frequency characteristic of an output signal of an allowable noise compensating circuit shown in Fig. 5; 30

Fig. 9 is a block diagram showing the structure of a decoding circuit that decodes a signal that is encoded by the encoding circuit shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 10 is a graph showing normalization information whose sound field has not been processed; 35

Fig. 11 is a graph showing a normalizing process in the case that a level is adjusted;

Fig. 12 is a graph showing a normalizing process in that case that a low pass filter process is performed; 40

Fig. 13 is a schematic diagram showing a transition of normalization information whose sound file has not been processed;

Fig. 14 is a schematic diagram showing a transition of normalization information in the case that a fading process is performed; 45

Fig. 15A is a schematic diagram showing a track on a disc, a fade-out process being performed for the track; 50

Fig. 15B is a schematic diagram showing a track on a disc, a fade-out process having been performed for the track;

Fig. 16A is a schematic diagram showing a process for the remaining area after the fade-out process has been performed according to a first embodiment of the present invention; 55

Fig. 16B is a schematic diagram showing a process

for the remaining area after the fade-out process has been performed according to a second embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 16C is a schematic diagram showing a process for the remaining area after the fade-out process has been performed according to a third embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 16D is a schematic diagram showing a process for the remaining area after the fade-out process has been performed according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 17A is a schematic diagram showing the structure of data recorded in the unit of clusters on the disc;

Fig. 17B is a schematic diagram showing the structure of a sector group composing a cluster;

Fig. 18A is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of a pair of sectors;

Fig. 18B is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of sound groups;

Fig. 18C is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of sound frames composing a sound group;

Fig. 19 is a schematic diagram showing the data structure sector 0 of U-TOC as management information;

Fig. 20A is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of a correlation table designation data portion in the initial state before the fade-out process is performed;

Fig. 20B is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of a management table portion in the initial state before the fade-out process is performed;

Fig. 21 is a flow chart showing each process for outer data that takes place in the fade-out process;

Fig. 22A is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of the correlation table designation data portion in the case that outer data is divided after the fade-out process has been performed;

Fig. 22B is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of a management table portion in the case that outer data is divided after the fade-out process has been performed;

Fig. 23A is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of the correlation table designation data portion in the case that outer data is erased after the fade-out process has been performed;

Fig. 23B is a schematic diagram showing the data structure of the management table portion in the case that outer data is erased after the fade-out process has been performed;

Fig. 24 is a schematic diagram showing the case that outer data is erased on the disc after the fade-out process has been performed;

Fig. 25 is a schematic diagram showing an operation screen on which the user operates in an editing process according to the present invention;

Fig. 26 is a detailed schematic diagram showing the

operation screen on which the user operates in the editing process according to the present invention;

Fig. 27 is a schematic diagram showing the state that the fade-out process and the fade-in process are performed at a track divide point on the disc; and

Fig. 28 is a block diagram showing the structure of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0023] Before describing an embodiment of the present invention, a highly efficient encoding process used for generating recorded data according to an embodiment of the present invention will be described. Fig. 1 shows an example of the structure of an encode-processing system that performs such a highly efficient encoding process. In this example, with a sub band coding (SBC) process, an adaptive transform coding (ATC) process, an adaptive bit allocating process, an input digital signal such as an audio PCM signal is encoded corresponding to a highly efficiently encoding process.

[0024] In addition, the start position or end position of a level transition in the fade-in process and the fade-out process can be designated with record positions (addresses) of encoded information. In such a manner, the function of the fader can be precisely performed.

[0025] According to the present invention, the transition start position or the transition end position of the fade process such as fade-out can be designated with a record position (address) of data, so that data of an outer region of a portion in which a fade process has been performed can be adequately processed.

[0026] In other words, when the transition end position of a track in which a fade-out process is performed is designated before the record end address of the track, after the fade-out process is processed, a region between the transition end position and the record end address is properly processed.

[0027] When the transition start position of a track in which the fade-in process is performed is designated after the record start address of the track, after the fade-in process is performed, a region between the transition end position and the record end address is properly processed.

[0028] In the example, one track represents a sequence of one music program.

[0029] In the embodiment that follows, the present invention is applied to an MD system.

[0030] Next, with reference to Figs. 15A, 15B, 16A, 16B, 16C, and 16D, an outer portion of a fade-out portion - namely, a data portion preceded by a transition end position of the fade-out process will be described. In the initial state shown in Fig. 15A, a track N and a track (N+1) have been recorded on a record medium. In Figs. 15A and 15B, a0, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5, and a6 repre-

sent addresses of a data record area of an MD. In the initial state, a0 represents the first address of the track N; a4 represents the last address of the track N; a5 represents the first address of the track (N+1); and a6 represents the last address of the track (N+1). A region F1 between the addresses a7 and a8 is a free area in which data can be written on the record medium.

[0031] Fig. 15B shows the state that a fade-out process of which the above described normalization information is adjusted is performed on the track N shown in Fig. 15A. In Fig. 15A, a1 represents a transition start address, whereas a2 represents a transition end address. When a2 does not match the last address a4 of the track N as shown in Fig. 15B, a hatched region between the address a3 and the address a4 can be handled in several manners as will be described later. The user can select a proper one from such handling manners.

[0032] Next, with reference to Figs. 16A, 16B, 16C, and 16D, such manners will be described. Fig. 16A shows a handling manner of which the hatched region shown in Fig. 15B is left, not processed. Fig. 16B shows a handling manner of which the hatched region shown in Fig. 15B is treated as the track (N+1). Fig. 16C shows a manner of which the hatched region shown in Fig. 15B is erased. Fig. 16D shows a handling manner of which the hatched region shown in Fig. 15B is treated as a mute sound region. Next, real processes for accomplishing such handling manners will be described. First of all, an address management method of the MD system will be described. In the MD standard, sectors are managed with addresses in U-TOC. As will be described later, in the MD system, "erase" is accomplished by rewriting U-TOC so that a region to be erased can be handled as a recordable free area rather than rewriting record data (see Fig. 24).

[0033] Next, the address management for each sector will be described. First of all, with reference to Figs. 17A and 17B, clusters as data record units of an MD will be described. One cluster has a linking area and a main data area. The linking area is composed of four sectors S_{FC} , S_{FD} , S_{FE} , and S_{FF} . The main data area is composed of 32 sectors S_{00} to S_{1F} . In this case, one sector is a data unit composed of 2352 bytes. The linking area is used to record sub data and perform the linking function. On the other hand, the main data area is used to record data that the user uses - such as audio data - and TOC (Table of Content) data.

[0034] As shown in Figs. 18A and 18B, one sector is divided into sub units referred to as sound groups. Two sectors are divided into 11 sound groups. In other words, one sound group is recorded in two successive sectors. In reality, as shown in Fig. 18B, sound groups SG_{00} , SG_{01} , ..., SG_{0A} are recorded to even sectors S_{00} , S_{02} , ... and odd sectors S_{01} , S_{03} One sound group is composed of 424 bytes of an amount of audio data equivalent to approx. 11.6 msec.

[0035] As shown in Figs. 18B and 18C, one sound

group SG is composed of data on the left channel and data on the right channel. For example, the sound group SG₀₀ is composed of left-channel data L₀ and right-channel data R₀. Likewise, the sound group SG₀₁ is composed of left-channel data L₁ and right-channel data R₁. 212 bytes of the data area of the left channel or right channel are referred to as sound frame. One sound frame is equivalent to one frame composed of 212 bytes as shown in Fig. 18C.

[0036] Next, TOC, which is management information of an MD, will be described. As TOC information, P-TOC (pre-mastered TOC) and U-TOC (user TOC) are provided. P-TOC is formed at a pit area on the innermost periphery side of the disc. P-TOC is read-only information. With P-TOC, the positions of a recordable area of the disc, a U-TOC area, and so forth are managed. On the other hand, U-TOC is a magneto-optically recorded area. U-TOC is a readable and writable area of a conventional MD system. With U-TOC, an address management is performed for each sector. By rewriting U-TOC, an editing process can be performed. Next, U-TOC will be described in detail.

[0037] According to the MD standard, eight sectors 0 to 7 can be formed in U-TOC. Each sector is composed of 2352 bytes. The sectors 1 and 4 are character information record areas. The sector 2 is a record date/time area. In such a manner, with these sectors, various types of information are managed. The sector 0 of U-TOC (hereinafter, simply referred to as sector 0) largely relates to an editing process. Thus, the sector 0 will be described in detail. The sector 0 is used to record a data record position of audio data and so forth that have been recorded and management information about a free area and so forth for recording new data.

[0038] Fig. 19 shows an example of the format of the sector 0. The sector 0 is composed of 588 slots #0 to #587. Each slot has four bytes (32 bits). Thus, the sector 0 is composed of data of $4 \times 588 = 2352$ bytes in total. In the first area of the slots #0 to #2, each byte is composed of all "0s" and all "1s" as a synchronous pattern. The synchronous pattern is followed by a cluster address composed of a high order address of one byte (Cluster H) and a low order address of one byte (Cluster L). The cluster address is followed by a sector address of one byte (Sector) and mode information of one byte in succession. The synchronous pattern, the cluster address, the sector address, and the mode information compose a header.

[0039] The header is followed by a maker code, a model code, a first track number (First TNO), a last track number (Last TNO), a sector used state (Used Sectors), a disc serial number, a disc ID, and so forth that are recorded at predetermined positions of the disc. The maker code represents the manufacturer of the disc. The model code represents the model of the disc. In addition, areas for various table pointer such as P-DFA (Pointer for Defective Area), P-EMPTY (Pointer for Empty Slot), and P-TNO1, P-TNO2, ..., and P-TNO255

are formed as a correlation table designation data portion for correlating tracks for data such as audio data and tracks for free areas with a management table portion that will be described later.

[0040] As the management table portion correlated with the table pointers (P-DFA to P-TNO255), 255 part tables (01h), (02h), ... and (FFh) are formed. In this example, a part represents a data portion of which chronologically successive data is physically successively recorded on the record medium. One track is composed of one or a plurality of parts. Each part table contains a start address, an end address, mode information (track mode), and link information of the current part. The start address and the end address are data that represent the start point and the end point of the current part, respectively. Each of the start address and the end address is composed of three bytes.

[0041] When the current part is linked to another part, the link information represents the part table number (one of 01h to FFh) of the part to be linked. With reference to such link information, even if one track is physically discontinuously divided into a plurality of parts, a reproducing operation can be performed in such a manner that the parts are successively accessed. Thus, one track can be properly reproduced. In other words, when one track is composed of three parts, they are reproduced in such a manner that they are linked corresponding to the link information. When data is recorded to an MD, the data is often divided into a plurality of parts so as to effectively use the data record area.

[0042] Next, the table pointers will be described in detail. The table pointer P-DFA represents a defective area of the MD. In other words, the table pointer P-DFA designates a part table number (one of 01h to FFh) of a part as a defective area (hereinafter, such a part is referred to as defective part). The designated part table contains the start address and the end address of the defective part.

[0043] When a plurality of defective parts disperse on the disc, link information of a part table designated by the P-DFA designates a part table number of a defective part. The designated part tables successively designate defective parts. A part table that designates the last defective part, which is not linked to another defective part, contains link information that does not designate a defective part. Such link information is for example 00h. In other words, when there are a plurality of defective parts, the part table designated by the P-DFA corresponds to the first defective part.

[0044] The table pointer P-EMPTY represents the first part table (one of 01h to FFh) of those that have not been used in the management table portion (such a part table is referred to as non-used part table). In other words, the table pointer P-EMPTY designates a non-used part table number. When there are a plurality of non-used part tables, link information of a part table designated by the P-EMPTY designates a part table

number corresponding to another non-used part table. The designated part tables successively designate other non-used part tables. In such a manner, the management table portion recognizes all non-used part tables in such a manner that they are linked.

[0045] The table pointer P-FRA represents a free area in which data can be recorded on the MD. In other words, the table pointer P-FRA designates a part table number (one of 01h to FFh) of a part as a free area (hereinafter referred to as free area part). The designated part table contains the start address and the end address of the free area part. When there are a plurality of free area parts, link information of the part table designated by the table pointer P-FRA designates a part table number of another free area part. In such a manner, designated part tables successively designate free area parts. When the link information of a part table is 00h, it represents that there is no further free area part.

[0046] Next, with reference to Figs. 20A and 20B, the management state of the sector 0 of U-TOC in the initial state shown in Fig. 15A will be described. Fig. 20A shows the correlation table designation data portion. Fig. 20B shows the management table portion. In Figs. 20A and 20B, when one-byte data of table pointers and link information is 00h and three-byte data of start addresses and end addresses is 000000h, they are denoted by "-".

[0047] Fig. 20A shows a correlation table designation data portion representing that there is no defective part (P-DFA = 00h) on the MD and that the part table number of the first non-used part is 04h. In addition, the correlation table designation data portion represents that the part table number of the first free area part is 03h. Moreover, the correlation table designation data portion represents that two tracks have been recorded and that the part table number of the first part of the first track and the part table number of the first part of the second track are 01h and 02h, respectively.

[0048] In Fig. 20B, the part table (01h) corresponds to a part of the first track designated by the P-TNO1 shown in Fig. 20A. (N) denoted at the right end of the part table (01h) represents that the current part table corresponds to the track N shown in Fig. 15A. The part table (01h) contains a0 and a4 as the start address and the end address of a part of the track N, respectively. Since the track N is recorded with only one part, the link information of the part table (01h) is 00h. The part table (01h) does not contain a track mode. In this example, since two tracks have been recorded, the relation $N = 1$ is satisfied.

[0049] As represented by the P-TNO2 shown in Fig. 20A, the part table (02h) corresponds to a part of the second track. (N+1) denoted at the right end of the part table (02h) represents a part table corresponding to a part of the track (N+1) shown in Fig. 15A. The part table contains a5 and a6 as the start address and the end address of a part of the track (N+1). Since the track (N+1) is recorded with only one part, the link information

of the part table (02h) is 00h. The part table (02h) does not contain a track mode.

[0050] The part table (03h) corresponds to a part of a free area as designated by the P-FRA shown in Fig. 20A. (F1) denoted at the right end of the part table (03h) represents a part table corresponding to a free area. The part table (03h) contains a7 and a8 as the start address and the end address of the free area part, respectively. The part table (04h) is the first non-used part table as designated by the P-EMPTY shown in Fig. 20A. In this example, the link information of the part table (04h) is (05h). The part tables (06h), (07h), ... contain the next part table numbers as link information. Thus, all part tables followed by the part table (04h) are not used. In each non-used part table, all the three bytes assigned to each of the start address and the end address are 000000h. Thus, each of the non-used part tables is not correlated with any part of the MD. The track mode of each of the non-used part table is 00h as one byte.

[0051] Next, with reference to Fig. 21, a process for adjusting normalization information in the initial state shown in Fig. 15A, designating a fade-out, accomplishing the state shown in Fig. 15B, and accomplishing the states shown in Figs. 16A, 16B, 16C, and 16D will be described.

[0052] At step S1, the user selects a track for the fade-out process. The reproducing apparatus reproduces the vicinity of the last end of the selected track.

[0053] The user designates the transition start position and the transition end position for the fade-out process using an operating portion such as a mouse with reference to a GUI (Graphical User Interface) shown in Fig. 26 while listening to a track that is being reproduced.

[0054] When the transition start position and the transition end position are designated with the operating portion (such as a mouse), the record position of highly efficiently encoded audio data on the disc is stored to a predetermined memory.

[0055] In addition, with reference to the GUI (Graphical User Interface) shown in Fig. 26, the transition time, the transition shape, and so forth may be designated.

[0056] The highly efficiently encoded audio data in the region between the transition start position and the transition end position designated by the user is stored in the memory. In the memory, the normalization information is adjusted and rewritten. The resultant audio data is rewritten to the original position of the disc.

[0057] The rewriting process is performed corresponding to the record position of highly efficiently encoded audio data reproduced from the disc when the transition start position and the transition end position are designated by the operating portion, the record position being read from the memory.

[0058] Thereafter, the flow advances to step S2. At step S2, in addition to the last address (a2 in Fig. 15B)

of the fade-out transition, address information such as the start address (a3 shown in Fig. 15B) of the outer portion of the fade-out (namely, a hatched data portion shown in Fig. 15B referred to as outer data) is stored in a memory or the like of the apparatus. Thereafter, the flow advances to step S3. At step S3, the user is prompted whether or not the outer data is left. When the determined result at step S3 is Yes (namely, the outer data is left), the flow advances to step S4. Otherwise, the flow advances to step S5.

[0059] At step S4, the user is prompted whether or not the outer data is contained in the track on which the fade-out process has been performed. When the determined result at step S4 is Yes (namely, the user has input data designating that the outer data is contained in the track of which the fade-out process has been performed), the process is completed as end-A. Otherwise, the flow advances to step S6. In the case of end-A, the outer data is left and the state as shown in Fig. 16A is accomplished. In other words, the outer data is in the same track of which the fade-out process has been performed. In this case, the sector 0 of U-TOC is not changed from the state shown in Figs. 20A and 20B.

[0060] At step S6, a dividing process of which the outer data is treated as another track is performed. Thereafter, the process is completed as end-B. In the case of end-B, the state shown in Fig. 16B is accomplished. In other words, the outer data is left. The outer data is treated as a new track different from the track of which the fade-out process has been performed.

[0061] At step S5, the user is prompted whether or not the outer data is erased. When the determined result at step S5 is Yes (namely, the user has input data representing that the outer data is erased), the flow advances to step S7. Otherwise, the flow advances to step S8. At step S7, a region erasing process is performed so as to erase outer data. Thereafter, the process is completed as end-C. In the case of end-C, the state shown in Fig. 16C is accomplished. In other words, the outer data is erased. At step S8, a process for causing the outer data to be mute data is performed. In reality, zero data is rewritten to the outer data. Alternatively, a process for setting the scale factor corresponding to the outer data to 0 is performed. At step S8, the contents of the sector 0 of U-TOC are not changed. Thereafter, the process is completed as end-D. In the case of end-D, the state shown in Fig. 16D is accomplished. In other words, the outer data is treated as mute data.

[0062] Next, the process at step S6 will be practically described. At step S6, as shown in Figs. 22A and 22B, the contents of the sector 0 of U-TOC are rewritten. In Figs. 22A and 22B, changed portions are hatched. Since the track number of the first track N is not changed, the contents of the P-TNO1 shown in Fig. 22A are not changed. However, the end address of the first track N in the part table (01h) becomes a2. In the process, the end address of the first track N is changed from a4 in the initial state (see Figs. 15A and 20B) to a2

as the last address of the transition in the fade-out process.

[0063] The contents of the P-TNO2 shown in Fig. 22A are changed so that the part table (04h) shown in Fig. 22B is designated as the second track (N+1). The part table (04h) shown in Fig. 22B represents a3 and a4 as the end address and the start address of the track (N+1), respectively. In this process, the outer data is treated as the track (N+1).

[0064] The P-TNO3 shown in Fig. 22A is newly recorded so that the part table (02h) shown in Fig. 22B is designated as the third track (N+2). In this case, the part table (02h) shown in Fig. 22B is a part table corresponding to the second track (N+1) in Fig. 20. In the process, in the initial state shown in Fig. 15A, the second track (N+1) in the initial state is treated as the third track (N+2). In addition, the P-EMPTY represents (05h). In the process, a rewriting process is performed since the first non-used part table of the management table portion becomes (05h) as the part table (04h) is newly used.

[0065] In the above-described process, when the outer data is treated as a new track, the track (N+1) is used as an example. In other words, the new track number can be selected in the range of the total track number. When many tracks whose track numbers exceed N (namely, tracks (N+1), (N+2), ...) have been recorded, as the outer data is treated as a new track (N+1), the next tracks are changed to for example tracks (N+2), (N+3), ...

[0066] Next, the process at step S7 will be described in detail. In the above-described region erasing process, the contents of U-TOC are rewritten so as to treat parts between two addresses in which data has been recorded in a record area of the record medium as a free area. At step S7, the contents of the sector 0 of U-TOC are rewritten as shown in Figs. 23A and 23B. In Figs. 23A and 23B, changed portions are hatched. Since the track number of the track N is not changed, the contents of the P-TON1 are not changed. However, in the part table (01h) shown in Fig. 23B, the end address of the track N is changed to a2. In other words, the end address of the track N is changed from a4 in the initial state (see Figs. 15A and 20B) to a2.

[0067] The link information of the part table (03h) designated in the P-FRA shown in Fig. 23A is rewritten to (04h). In the part table (04h) shown in Fig. 23B, parts between the address a3 and the address a4 are newly designated. In the process, parts for the outer data are designated as a new free area F2. Since the link information of the part table (03h) is rewritten to 04h, the linking relation between the free area F1 and the free area F2 is maintained. The outer data is treated as a recordable region. The contents of the P-EMPTY are changed to 05h. In the process, since a part table (04h) is newly used, the first non-used part table of the management table portion becomes (05h).

[0068] Fig. 24 shows a record area of the MD corre-

sponding to the sector 0 of U-TOC shown in Figs. 23A and 23B. The user or the like can know such a state as shown in Fig. 16C. Thus, as the result of step S7, the state shown in Fig. 16C is accomplished. In such a process, when the user or the like is prompted for the transition end position of the fade-out, before the final setup is performed, the increase of the free area and the total capacity of the free area may be calculated corresponding to the end position that has been temporarily designated so and the calculated result may be displayed for the user or the like. Thus, the user can know how the recordable time increases as the result of the erasing process for the outer data of a recorded track. Consequently, in the state that an MD has several recorded tracks and a free area for three minutes and that the user wants to newly record data such as a music program for four minutes, he or she can perform the erasing process for the outer data for one or a plurality of tracks. Thus, since the recordable time increases, the data for four minutes can be recorded.

[0069] In the above description, a simple case that there are two recorded tracks, each recorded track is composed of one part, there is no defect region, a free area is successively formed, and no track mode information has been recorded was assumed. Such an assumption was made for simple description. Thus, it should be noted that the present invention can be applied to a more complicated case. For example, the present invention can be applied to the case that a track N is composed of a plurality of parts and they are reproduced in such a manner that they are linked.

[0070] Next, the editing operation according to the embodiment of the present invention will be described in reality. In this example, it is assumed that an audio component system that includes recording/reproducing functions for a record medium such as an MD (Mini Disc) and that handles various types of sound sources (audio data and so forth of record mediums such as a CD (Compact Disc) and a magnetic tape and of a radio broadcast) is connected to a personal computer that is operated by the user or the like.

[0071] Fig. 25 shows a first operation screen. The first operation screen is displayed on the monitor of the personal computer. The first operation screen has several display portions that can be operated with the mouse or the like. In Fig. 25, an icon 901 is an icon for a fade-out operation. When the icon 901 is clicked, the fade-out operation is performed. An icon 902 is an icon for a fade-out operation. When the icon 902 is clicked, the fade-out operation is performed. An icon 903 is an icon for a level adjusting operation. When the icon 903 is clicked, the level adjusting operation is performed. The other icons are used for editing operations such as a dividing operation (for dividing one track into two portions), a joining operation (for joining two tracks), a moving operation (for changing the track number of a track), and an erasing operation (for erasing a track so as to treat it as of a recordable free area). A display frame 904

is used to list tracks recorded on an MD. A desired track is selected with the mouse on the display frame 904. In other words, on the first operation screen, an editing operation, a track selecting operation, and so forth can be performed.

[0072] Fig. 26 shows a second operation screen. The second operation screen is displayed on the monitor of the personal computer. The second operation screen has several display frames on which numeric values can be input with the clicking operation of the mouse or the like. In Fig. 26, a display frame 1001 is a display frame for designating time data. In a display frame 1001a, a fade-out time is displayed. When an up triangle button and a down triangle button shown in the display frame 1001a are clicked with the mouse, the fade-out time can be increased and decreased, respectively. The fade-out time can be designated in the range from for example 1 sec. to 15 sec. with an increment of 0.1 sec. A display frame 1002 is a display frame for designating a fade-out shape. When a triangle button in an indication 1002b is clicked with the mouse, several fade-out shapes are displayed. With a draw-and-drop operation, a desired fade-out shape can be selected. Examples of the fade-out shapes are a linear shape (the amount of a level change per unit time is constant) or a non-linear shape.

[0073] A display frame 1003 is used to select a process performed for outer data when the fade-out process is performed. In this example, as shown in Figs. 16A, 16B, 16C, and 16D, one of four operations that are "keep", "keep and divide", "erase", and "keep as mute region" can be selected. An indication 1004 represents a fade-out shape. In this example, the selected fade-out shape is a linear shape. With the display frame 1002 or the like, another fade-out shape can be selected.

[0074] In addition, with the indication 1004, a fade start position and a fade end position can be changed with the dragging operation of the mouse. Thus, when the fade length is changed, the value in the display frame 1001a is changed corresponding thereto. An indication 1005 roughly indicates the time position of the track. When the time position indicated with an arrow 1006 is changed with the dragging operation of the mouse, the time position of the fade-out track can be varied.

[0075] A display frame 1010 displays a recordable capacity, a recordable time, and so forth. With the display frame 1010, the user can know a recordable capacity in the case that the outer data erasing process is performed after the fade-out process is performed. In addition, the display frame 1010 may display an increase of a recordable capacity or a recordable time as the result of the outer data erasing process is performed after the fade-out process is performed.

[0076] After designating operations for the display frames are performed, a trial reproducing operation corresponding to the designating operations is performed. This reproducing operation is referred to as rehearsal

reproducing operation. The rehearsal reproducing operation is repeatedly performed until the user changes the designated conditions or clicks a display frame 1008. In this example, the number of times of the rehearsal reproduction operation can be designated. When the designated conditions are changed, the rehearsal reproducing operation is performed corresponding to the newly designated conditions. When the display frame 1008 is clicked with the mouse, the designated conditions on the second operation screen are confirmed. With the confirmed designated conditions, for example a process for rewriting scale factors of a record medium is performed. When a display frame 1007 is clicked with the mouse, the designating operations are canceled and the second operation screen is switched to the first operation screen shown in Fig. 25.

[0077] In the above-described example, it was assumed that an audio component system is connected to a personal computer with which the user operates the audio component system. Alternatively, the user may operate the audio component system through an operation panel thereof or an infrared ray remote controller thereof. In this case, the input operation is performed with input buttons and/or a pointing device. When numeric values are input with a jog dial, the operability of the audio component system is improved.

[0078] According to the above-described embodiment of the present invention, the editing process for handling outer data is performed in a user's desired method. In addition, the present invention can be applied to an editing process for handling outer data as the result of the fade-in process - namely data in the region between the start address of a track for the fade-in process and the transition start address for the fade-in process.

[0079] Alternatively, both the fade-in process and the fade-out process may be performed for one track so as to handle outer data as the results of the processes in a user's desired method. In other words, as shown in Fig. 27, a fade process is executed in such a manner that address b0 of track N is designated to the transition end address of the fade-out process and the transition start address of the fade-in process. Thereafter, the region between the start address and b0 of the track N in the initial state is treated as the track N. The region between b0 and the last address of the track N in the initial state is treated as the track (N+1). In such a manner, the original track may be divided.

[0080] Fig. 28 is a block diagram showing the internal structure of a recording and reproducing unit 102 as the structure of an MD recorder/player 1.

[0081] The MD recorder/player 1 can record and reproduce audio data to/from a magneto-optical disc (MD) 90.

[0082] The MD 90 shown in Fig. 28 is a disc housed in a disc cartridge DK. A shutter mechanism is disposed in the disc cartridge DK. When data is recorded or reproduced, the shutter mechanism is opened. Thus,

light is radiated from an optical pickup (optical head 3). In addition, a magnetic field of a magnetic head is applied to the disc.

[0083] The MD 90 is rotated and controlled at CLV (constant linear velocity) by a spindle motor 2.

[0084] In the specification, "recordable/reproducible position" represents the position of which the MD 90 is held in a rotatable and drivable state by the spindle motor 2.

[0085] The optical head 3 is disposed at a position opposite to a magnetic head 6a through the MD 90 (loaded magneto-optical disc). The optical head 3 has an objective lens 3a, a two-axis mechanism 4, a semiconductor laser (not shown), and a light receiving portion (not shown). Light emitted from the semiconductor laser is reflected on the surface of the MD 90. The reflected light is received by the light receiving portion.

[0086] The two-axis mechanism 4 has a focus coil and a tracking coil. The focus coil causes the objective lens 3a to be driven in the direction of the MD 90. The tracking coil causes the objective lens 3a to be driven in the radius direction of the MD 90.

[0087] The MD recorder/player 1 also has a thread mechanism 5. The thread mechanism 5 causes the entire optical head 3 to be largely moved in the radius direction of the MD 90.

[0088] Information of reflected light detected by the light receiving portion of the optical head 3 is supplied to an RF amplifier 7. The RF amplifier 7 performs a current - voltage converting process and a matrix calculating process. Thereafter, the RF amplifier 7 generates a focus error signal FE, a tracking error signal TE, and an RF signal.

[0089] The RF signal that is a reproduced signal is generated corresponding to a magnetic field vector detected using the magnetic Kerr effect of reflected light of light emitted to the MD 90 with a lower laser power than the record mode.

[0090] The focus error signal FE and the tracking error signal TE generated by the RF amplifier 7 are supplied to a servo circuit 9. The servo circuit 9 compensates the phase and adjusts the gain. The resultant signal is supplied to the focus coil and the tracking coil through a drive amplifier (not shown).

[0091] The servo circuit 9 generates a thread error signal with the tracking error signal TE through an LPF (low pass filter). The thread error signal is supplied to the thread mechanism 5 through a thread drive amplifier (not shown).

[0092] The RF signal generated by the RF amplifier 7 is supplied to an EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8. The EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8 digitizes and EFM (eight to fourteen modulation)-demodulates for the RF signal. Thereafter, the EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8 performs a CIRC (cross interleave Reed Solomon coding) error correcting process for the demodulated signal. The resultant signal is supplied to a memory controller 12.

[0093] On the MD 90, grooves have been wobbled at a predetermined frequency (in this example, at 22.05 kHz) and FM modulated address data has been recorded.

[0094] The address data is extracted by an address decoder 10. The address decoder 10 FM-demodulates the address data through a BPF (band pass filter) that passes only a predetermined frequency component.

[0095] The EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8 generates a spindle error signal for rotating and controlling the disc with the digitized EFM signal or the address data extracted by the address decoder 10 and supplies the spindle error signal to the spindle motor 2.

[0096] In addition, the EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8 controls a PLL (phase locked loop) operation corresponding to the digitized EFM signal and generates a reproduction clock signal for the decoding process.

[0097] The memory controller 12 writes digitized data that has been error-corrected to a buffer memory 13 at a transmission rate of 1.4 Mbits/sec.

[0098] When data that exceeds a predetermined amount is stored to the buffer memory 13, the memory controller 12 reads data from the buffer memory 13 at a transmission rate of 0.3 Mbits/sec that is much lower than the write transmission rate and outputs the data as audio data.

[0099] Since data is temporarily stored to the buffer memory 13 and then output as audio data, even if the optical head 3 cannot successively read data because of an undesired track jump or the like due to an outer disturbance of for example vibrations, data necessary for the reallocation of the optical head 3 to the address at which the track jump has taken place is stored in the buffer memory 13. Thus, audio data can be successively output.

[0100] When a 4 Mbyte RAM is used for the buffer memory 13, data of up to 10 seconds can be stored in the buffer memory 13 in the full state.

[0101] The memory controller 12 is controlled by a system controller 11. Data that is read from the MD 90 has been compressed in a predetermined compressing method (for example, ATRAC (Acoustic transferred adapted coding) method). Data that is read from the buffer memory 13 under the control of the memory controller 12 has been decompressed by an audio compression encoder and decompression decoder 14. The decompressed digital data is supplied to a D/A converter 15.

[0102] The D/A converter 16 converts the digital data that has been decompressed by the audio compression encoder and decompression decoder 14 into an analog audio signal. The analog audio signal is supplied from an output terminal 16 to a reproduced data output system (not shown). The reproduced data output system is for example an amplifier, a speaker, a headset, and so forth. The reproduced audio data output system outputs an audio sound.

[0103] In such a reproducing operation, the system controller 11 supplies various servo commands to the servo circuit 9 corresponding to operations of an operating portion 19. In addition, the system controller 11 supplies control commands for the buffer memory 13 to the memory controller 12. Moreover, the system controller 11 controls a displaying portion 20 to display character information such as performance elapsed time and a title of a reproduced program. In addition, the system controller 11 causes the EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8 to control the spindle servo operation and the decoding process.

[0104] In addition to the operating portion 19, the MD recorder/player 1 has a remote commander 25. The remote commander 25 allows the user to perform various operations of the MD recorder/player 1. The remote commander 25 outputs a command as for example an infrared modulated signal corresponding to a user's operation. An infrared ray receiving portion 23 converts the command - namely, operation information - into an electric signal and supplies the electric signal to the system controller 11.

[0105] The system controller 11 performs a required controlling process corresponding to the operation information received from the infrared ray receiving portion 23.

[0106] When the MD recorder/player 1 records audio data such as a music program to the MD 90, the audio signal is supplied to an input terminal 17 or an input terminal 21.

[0107] An analog audio signal that is output from an analog output terminal of a reproducing apparatus such as a CD player is supplied to the input terminal 17. An A/D converter 18 converts the analog audio signal received from the input terminal 17 into a digital signal and supplies the digital signal to the audio compression encoder and decompression decoder 14.

[0108] A digital audio signal that is received from a digital output terminal of a reproducing apparatus such as a CD player is supplied to the input terminal 21. In this case, a digital interface portion 25 decodes the digital audio signal corresponding to a digital communication format and extracts control data. The digital audio signal that has been extracted by the decoding process is supplied to the audio compression encoder and decompression decoder 14.

[0109] According to the embodiment of the present invention, the digital interface portion 25 is based on the IEC 958 format. The digital interface portion 25 receives a digital audio signal through an optical cable.

[0110] The audio compression encoder and decompression decoder 14 compression-encodes the digital audio signal corresponding to the ATRAC (Acoustic transferred adapted coding) method. The compressed digital audio signal is temporarily stored to the buffer memory 13 through the memory controller 12 at a transmission rate of 0.13 Mbits/sec.

[0111] When the memory controller 12 has deter-

mined that the data stored in the buffer memory 13 exceeds the predetermined amount, the memory controller 12 allows the data to be read from the buffer memory 13.

[0112] The compressed data that is read from the buffer memory 13 is supplied to the EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8. The EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8 adds a CIRC error correction code to the compressed data and performs a process such as an EFM modulating process for the resultant data. The resultant data is supplied to a magnetic head driving circuit 6.

[0113] The magnetic head driving circuit 6 causes the magnetic head 6a to perform the N/S pole magnetic field applying operation for the supplied data corresponding to the supplied data.

[0114] When data is recorded by such a magnetic field applying operation, the system controller 11 controls the radiation power of a semiconductor laser (not shown) of the optical head 3 so that the radiation power becomes higher than that in the reproducing operation in such a manner that the surface of the MD 90 is heated up to the Curie temperature. Thus, the magnetic field information applied from the magnetic head 6a is fixed to the record surface of the disc. In other words, data is recorded as magnetic field information.

[0115] When data is recorded, the system controller 11 supplies various servo commands to the servo circuit 9, supplies control commands for the buffer memory 13 to the memory controller 12, causes the displaying portion 20 to display such as a record elapsed time and a recorded program track number, and causes the EFM/CIRC encoder and decoder 8 to control the spindle servo operation and the encoding process.

[0116] When input digital data is processed, control data is received from the digital interface portion 25.

[0117] When an input analog signal is processed, the analog audio signal is received from the input terminal 17 to a mute sound detecting portion 22. A mute sound state between programs as the input audio signal is monitored. The monitored information is supplied to the system controller 11.

[0118] The MD recorder/player 1 is connected to a personal computer PC 101 through an IEEE 1394 cable.

[0119] The user operates an operating portion such as a mouse of the personal computer with reference to an GUI screen on the display of the personal computer as shown in Fig. 26. A command signal corresponding to the operation is supplied to the system controller 11 through an IEEE 1394 interface 28.

[0120] A RAM 24 stores an address of the MD 90 for a track corresponding to a region for the fade-out process designated with a mouse operation on the PC while the user is listening to a reproduced audio signal in the vicinity of the last end portion of the track.

[0121] According to the embodiment of the present invention, the transition start address a1 and the transition end address a2 shown in Fig. 15B are stored.

[0122] In addition, the record address of the track of which the fade-out process is performed is stored to the RAM 24.

[0123] In the above-described embodiment, the start address a0 and the end address a4 of the track N shown in Fig. 15B are stored.

[0124] A ROM 27 is composed of for example a non-volatile memory or the like. The contents of the ROM 27 is rewritable under the control of the system controller 11. Even if the power of the ROM 27 is stopped, the contents thereof can be kept. The ROM 27 stores a program and various types of data with which the system controller 11 accomplishes various processes.

[0125] The operating portion 19 allows the user to perform various operations for the MD recorder/player 1. The operating portion 19 has operation switches for various operations including playback, pause, fast forward, record, stop, track delete, track combine, track divide, and character information input such as track name and disc name. A command signal corresponding to an operation for the operating portion 19 is transmitted to the system controller 11. The system controller 11 performs a predetermined controlling process corresponding to the command signal.

[0126] A region between the transition start address a1 and the transition end address a2 designated corresponding to a user's mouse operation on the PC is reproduced and stored to the memory RAM 13. The highly efficiently encoded data stored in the buffer memory 13 is data shown in Fig. 3.

[0127] The system controller 11 supplies normalization information corresponding to the fade-out process through the memory controller 12. The normalization information contained in the compressed data stored in the memory RAM 13 is successively rewritten.

[0128] The highly efficiently encoded compressed data containing the normalization information rewritten in the memory RAM 13 is FM-modulated by the magnetic head driving portion 6 through the EFM/CIRC encoder 8 and recorded to the MD 90 by the magnetic head 6a.

[0129] The position recorded on the MD 90 is rewritten corresponding to the transition start address a1 and the transition end address a2 stored in the RAM 24.

[0130] The system controller 11 compares the transition end address a2 stored in the RAM 24 with the end address a4 of the track N stored corresponding to the U-TOC information and detects the region between the transition end address a2 and the end address a4 (this region is hatched in Fig. 15B).

[0131] The system controller 11 generates the U-TOC information so as to divide the detected region between the transition end address a2 and the end address a4 as shown in Fig. 16B or delete the region thereof as shown in Fig. 16C and records the generated

U-TOC information to the U-TOC area of the MD 90 through the EFM/CIRC encoder 8, the magnetic head driving circuit 6, and the magnetic head 6a.

[0132] The U-TOC information reproduced from the U-TOC area of the MD 90 may be stored to the RAM 24 or the RAM 13.

[0133] When a music sound signal is recorded to the region between the transition end address a2 and the end address a4, the scale factor information of the highly efficiently encoded compressed data stored in the RAM 13 may be rewritten to all null.

[0134] The above description is based on an MD system. However, the present invention is not limited to the MD system. In other words, the present invention can be applied to an editing apparatus that performs an editing process for record data such as a fade process and that performs a track managing process of a record medium using its address. The applicability of the present invention does not depend on a recording method of data such as an encoding method.

[0135] According to the present invention, after the edit position of a first editing process for changing normalization information such as scale factor information is accurately obtained, a desired second editing process can be performed.

[0136] Thus, when a second editing process performed for record data in a region between an edit position of a first editing process such as a fade-out process and a desired position is performed (for example, the data is designated as a new track, the data is erased (treated as a recordable region), or the data is left as a mute sound region), the edit position of the first editing process can be accurately affected to the second editing process. Thus, the second editing process can be accurately and easily performed.

[0137] Although the present invention has been shown and described with respect to a best mode embodiment thereof, it should be understood by those skilled in the art that the foregoing and various other changes, omissions, and additions in the form and detail thereof may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

Claims

1. An editing apparatus for editing a highly efficient encoded digital signal recorded on a record medium having a program area for recording programs and a management area for recording management information, each of the programs being composed of a digital signal containing at least normalization information that has been highly efficiently encoded corresponding to normalization information, quantization coefficients, and quantization data calculated for each of a plurality of signal components divided in time-base direction and/or frequency-base direction, the management information being used to manage at least a record

start position and a record end position of each of the programs recorded on the program area, comprising:

operating means for designating an edit start position and an edit end position to vicinities of end portions of a predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium;

reproducing means for reproducing a digital signal between the edit start position and the edit end position corresponding to the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium;

changing means for changing normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced by said reproducing means;

recording means for substituting the normalization information changed by said changing means with the normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced by said reproducing means and re-recording the substituted normalization information to the record medium to the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position; and

management information editing means for editing the management information recorded in the management area of the record medium against the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position.

2. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said changing means changes normalization information so that a fade-out process is performed for the vicinity of the end portion of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the end portion being designated by said operating means.

3. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said changing means changes normalization information so that a fade-in process is performed for the vicinity of the start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the start portion being designated by said operating means.

4. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said management information editing means edits management information so that a region between the edit end position of the prede-

terminated program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end portion being designated by said operating means, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means is managed as one program when the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium designated by said operating means is followed by the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means.

5. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said management information editing means edits management information so that a region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end portion being designated by said operating means, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means is managed as a recordable area when the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium designated by said operating means is followed by the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means.
6. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein data that represents that a reproduction level is zero or almost zero is recorded in a region a region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end portion being designated by said operating means, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means is managed as a recordable area when the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium designated by said operating means is followed by the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means.
7. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 5, further comprising:

displaying means for displaying a recordable capacity that increases as a result that said management information editing means edits the management information so that the region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end position being designated by said operating means, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means is managed as the recordable area.

8. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 5, further comprising:

displaying means for displaying an increase amount of a recordable capacity that increases as a result that said management information editing means edits the management information so that the region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end position being designated by said operating means, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means is managed as the recordable area.

9. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said management information editing means edits management information so that a region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is managed as one program when the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is preceded by the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means.
10. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said management information editing means edits management information so that a region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is managed as a recordable area when the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is preceded by the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means.
11. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein data representing that a reproduction level is zero or almost zero is recorded in a region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is managed as one

program when the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is preceded by the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means. 5

12. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:

displaying means for displaying a recordable capacity that increases as a result that said management information editing means edits the management information so that the region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is managed as the recordable area. 10 15 20

13. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:

displaying means for displaying an increase amount of a recordable capacity that increases as a result that said management information editing means edits the management information so that the region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by said operating means and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by said operating means, is managed as the recordable area. 25 30 35

14. An editing method for editing a highly efficient encoded digital signal recorded on a record medium having a program area for recording programs and a management area for recording management information, each of the programs being composed of a digital signal containing at least normalization information that has been highly efficiently encoded corresponding to normalization information, quantization coefficients, and quantization data calculated for each of a plurality of signal components divided in time-base direction and/or frequency-base direction, the management information being used to manage at least a record start position and a record end position of each of the programs recorded on the program area, comprising the steps of: 40 45 50

reproducing a digital signal between the edit start position and the edit end position corresponding to the vicinities of the end portions of

the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium;

changing normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced at the reproducing step;

substituting the normalization information changed at the changing step with the normalization information contained in the digital signal reproduced at the reproducing step and re-recording the substituted normalization information to the record medium to the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position; and

editing the management information recorded in the management area of the record medium against the vicinities of the end portions of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium corresponding to the edit start position and the edit end position.

15. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the changing step is performed by changing normalization information so that a fade-out process is performed for the vicinity of the end portion of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the end portion being designated by the user. 25 30

16. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the changing step is performed by changing normalization information so that a fade-in process is performed for the vicinity of the start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the start portion being designated by the user. 35 40

17. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the management information editing step is performed by editing management information so that a region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end portion being designated by the user, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user is managed as one program when the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium designated by the user is followed by the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user. 45 50

18. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the management information editing step is performed by editing management information so that a region between the edit end position of the 55

predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end portion being designated by the user, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user is managed as a recordable area when the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium designated by the user is followed by the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user.

19. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein data that represents that a reproduction level is zero or almost zero is recorded in a region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end portion being designated by the user, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user is managed as a recordable area when the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium designated by the user is followed by the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user.

20. The editing method as set forth in claim 18, further comprising the step of:

displaying a recordable capacity that increases as a result that the management information editing step is performed by editing the management information so that the region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end position being designated by the user, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user is managed as the recordable area.

21. The editing method as set forth in claim 18, further comprising the step of:

displaying an increase amount of a recordable capacity that increases as a result that the management information editing step is performed by editing the management information so that the region between the edit end position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit end position being designated by the user, and the record end position of the predetermined program designated by the user is managed as the recordable area.

22. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the management information editing step is performed by editing management information so

that a region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is managed as one program when the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is preceded by the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user.

23. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the management information editing step is performed by editing management information so that a region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is managed as a recordable area when the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is preceded by the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user.

24. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein data representing that a reproduction level is zero or almost zero is recorded in a region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is managed as one program when the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is preceded by the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user.

25. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, further comprising the step of:

displaying a recordable capacity that increases as a result that the management information editing step is performed by editing the management information so that the region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is managed as the recordable area.

26. The editing method as set forth in claim 14, further

comprising the step of:

displaying an increase amount of a recordable capacity that increases as a result that the management information editing step is performed by editing the management information so that the region between the record start position of the predetermined program designated by the user and the edit start position of the predetermined program recorded in the program area of the record medium, the edit start position being designated by the user, is managed as the recordable area.

27. An editing apparatus for editing a highly efficient encoded digital signal recorded on a record medium having a program area for recording programs and a management area for recording management information, each of the programs being composed of a digital signal containing at least normalization information that has been highly efficiently encoded corresponding to normalization information, quantization coefficients, and quantization data calculated for each of a plurality of signal components divided in time-base direction and/or frequency-base direction, the management information being used to manage at least a record position of each of the programs recorded on the program area, comprising:

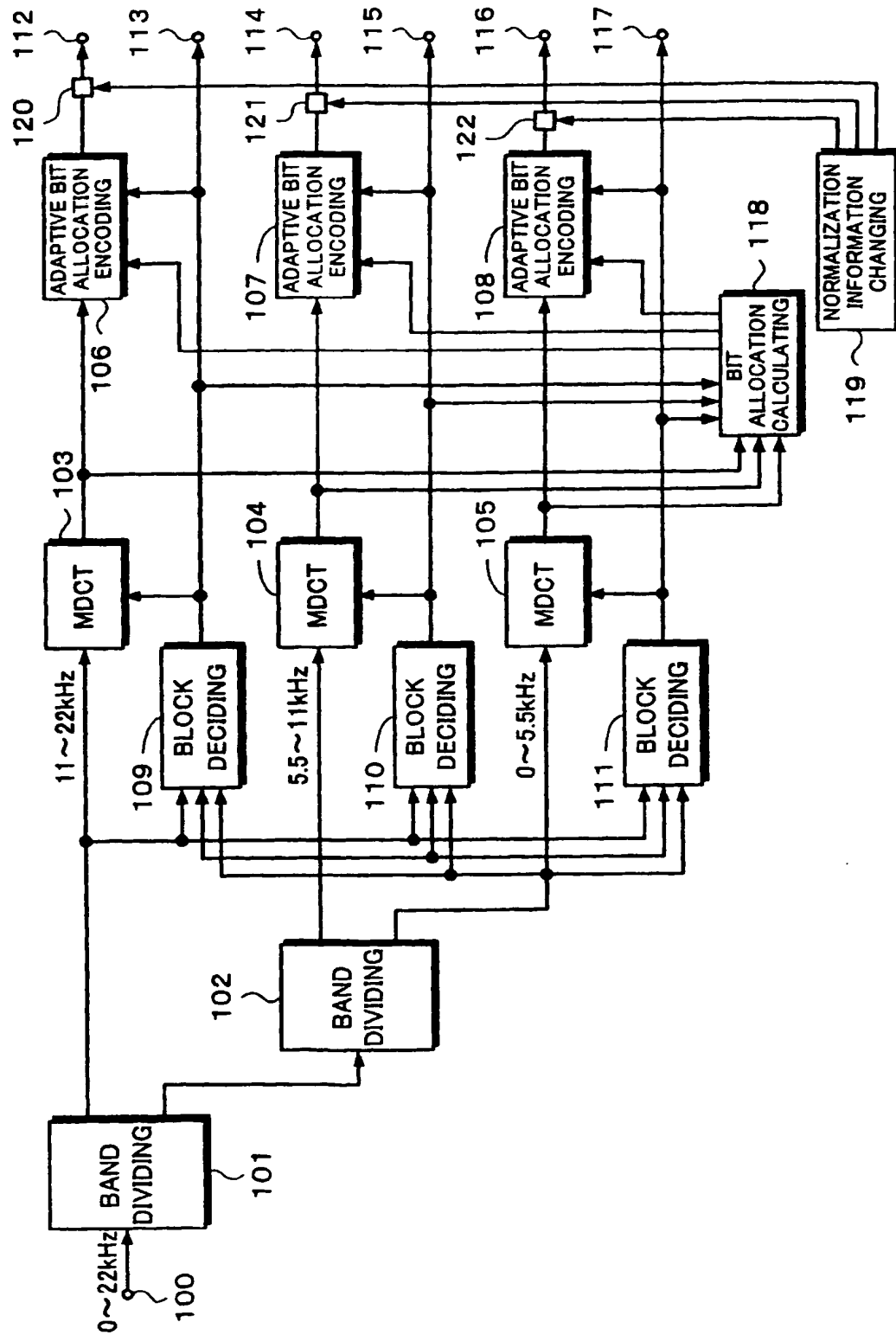
operating means for selecting a program to be edited and an edit region;
reproducing means for reproducing a digital signal including at least normalization information corresponding to the edit region selected by said operating means and management information from a management area of the record medium;
first storing means for storing the management information for managing at least record positions of individual programs, the management information being reproduced from the management area of the record medium;
second storing means for storing a digital signal including at least normalization information reproduced by said reproducing means;
rewriting means for rewriting normalization information in a digital signal including at least normalization information stored in said second storing means;
controlling means for overwriting a digital signal including normalization information rewritten by said rewriting means to the record medium corresponding to management information stored in said first storing means;
comparing means for comparing the record position of a program to be edited, the record position being stored in said first storing means

with an edit region selected by said operating means; and

selecting means for detecting a remaining area as an edited result corresponding to the compared result of said comparing means and for selecting a process type for the detected remaining area.

28. The editing apparatus as set forth in claim 27, wherein the process type for the remaining area selected by said selecting means is one of not operation, a dividing process, an erasing process, a recording process for mute sound data.

Fig. 1



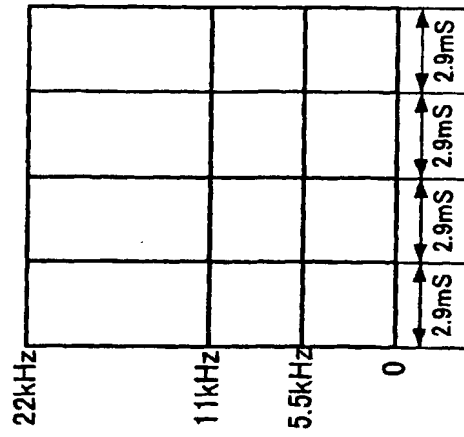


Fig. 2B

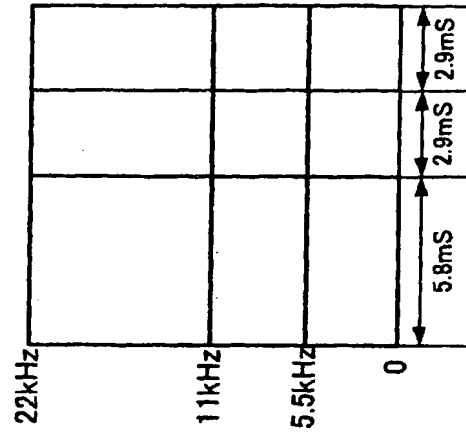


Fig. 2D

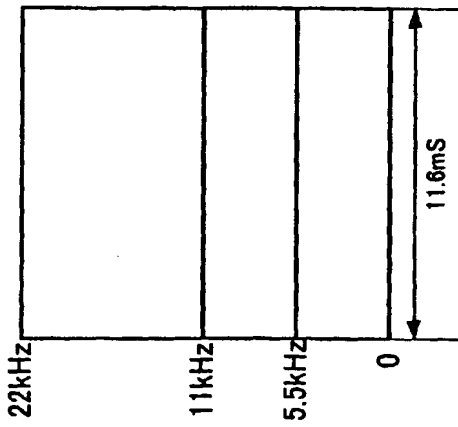


Fig. 2A

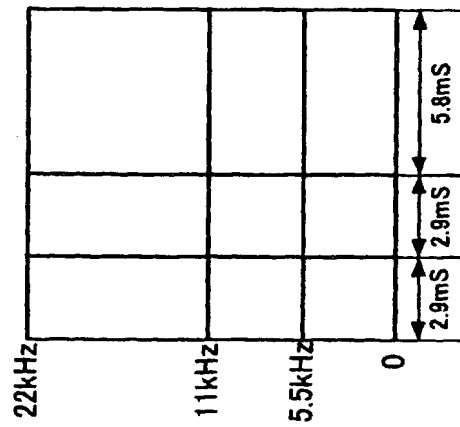
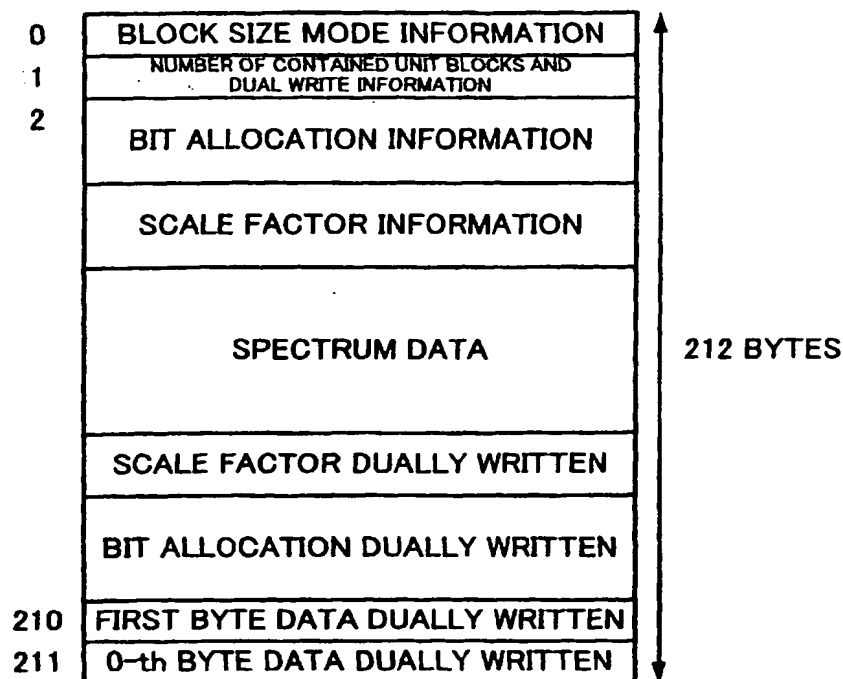


Fig. 2C

Fig. 3**Fig. 4**

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Fig. 5

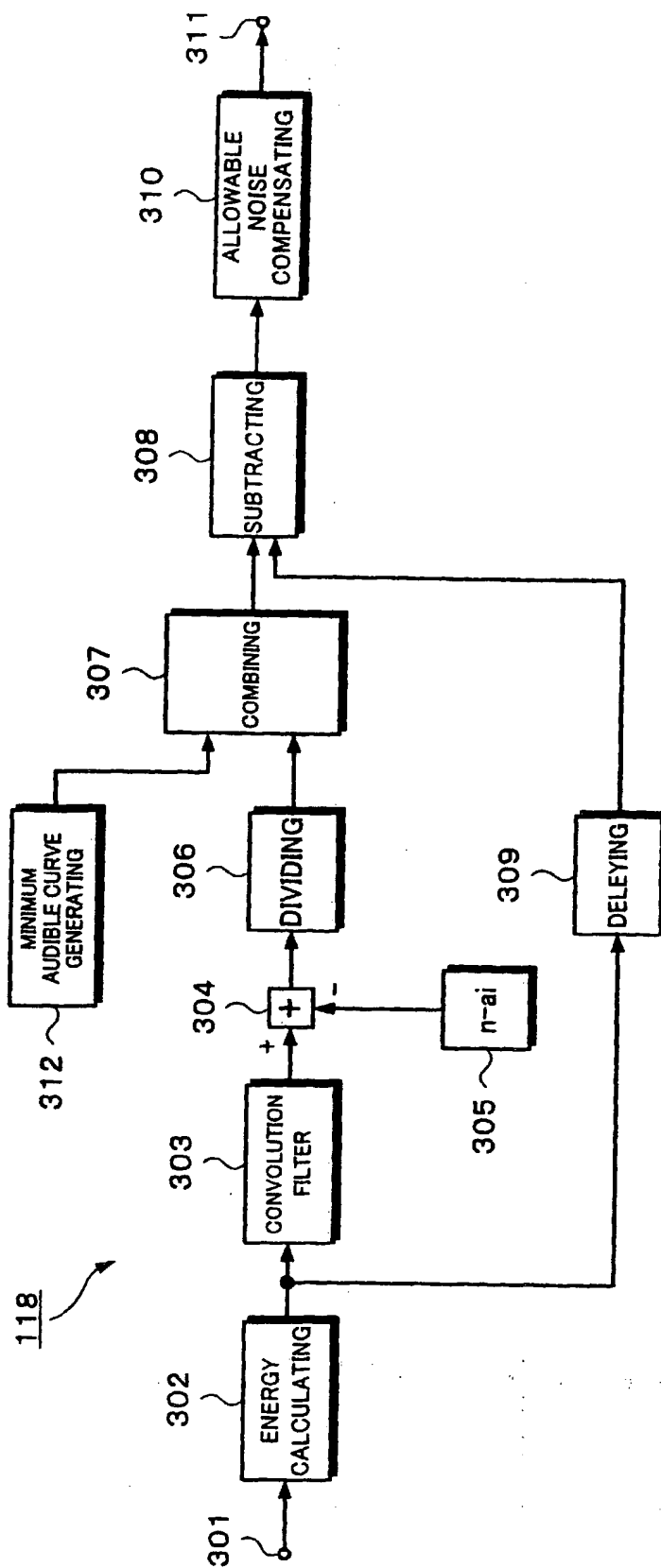


Fig. 6

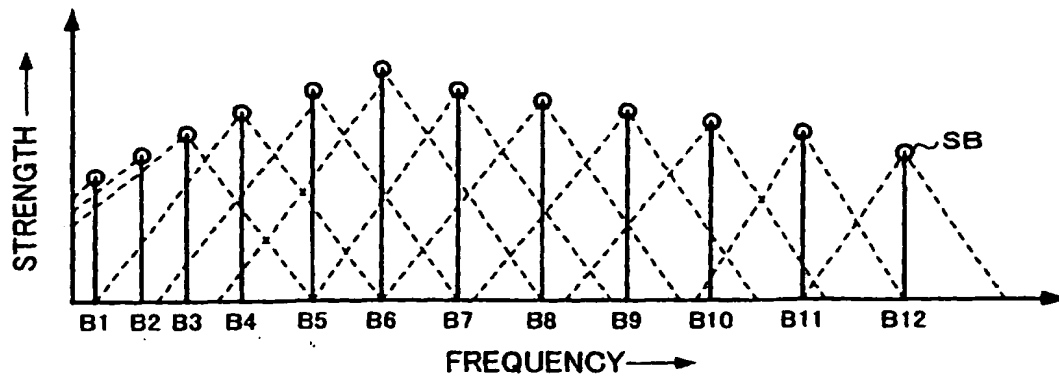


Fig. 7

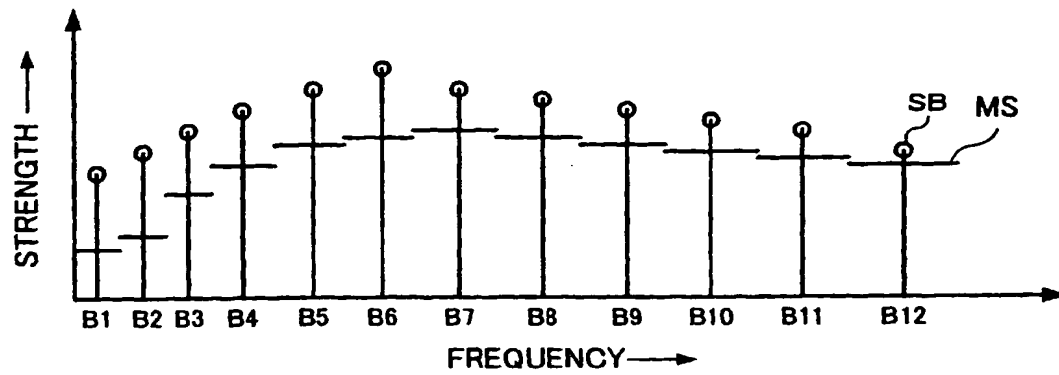


Fig. 8

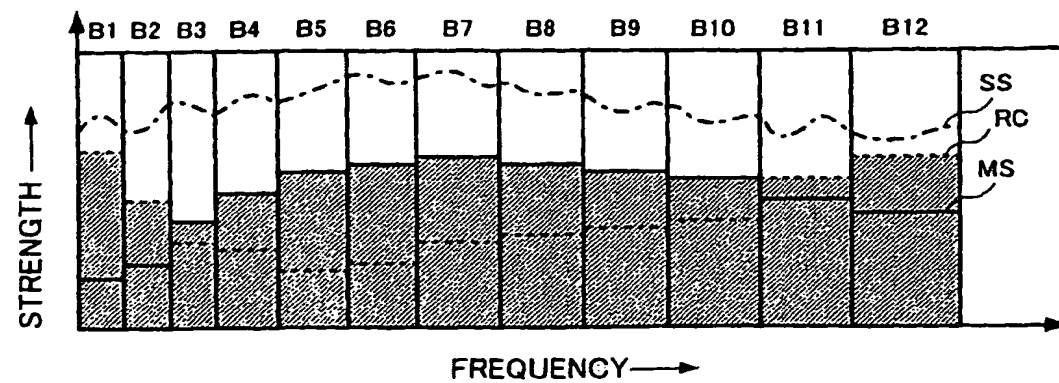


Fig. 9

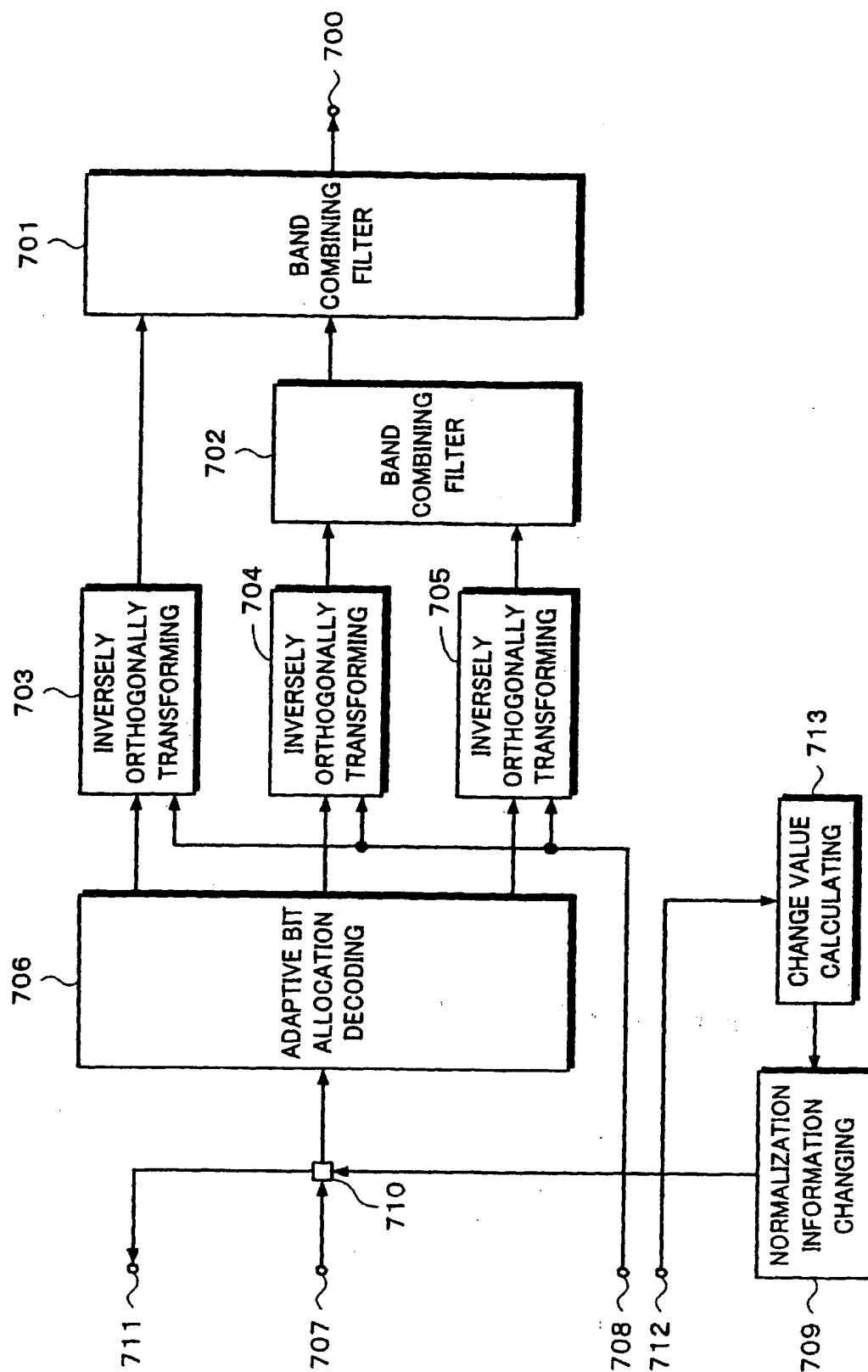


Fig. 10

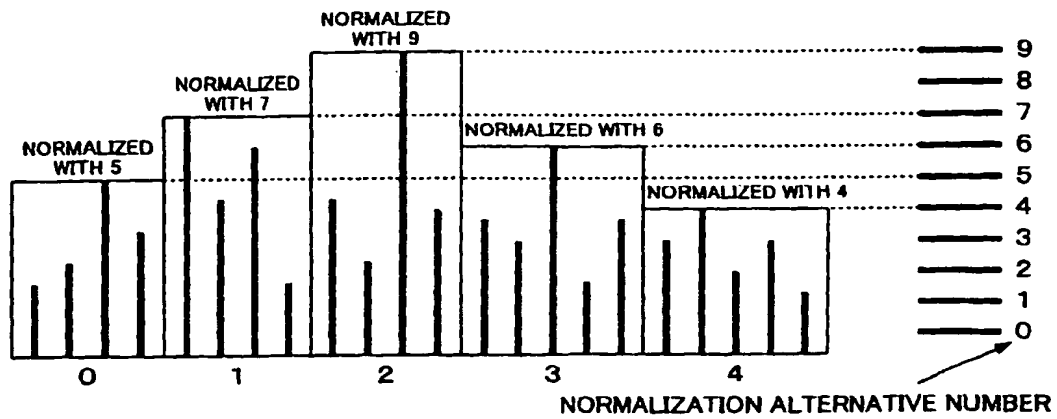


Fig. 11

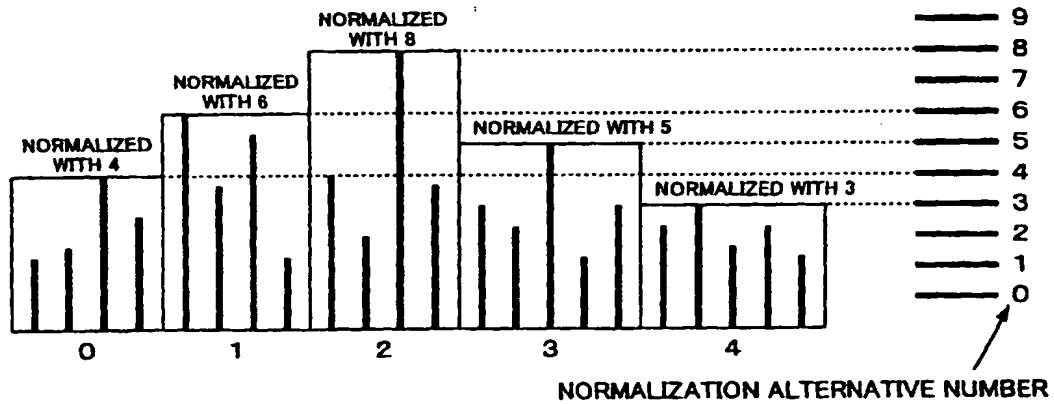


Fig. 12

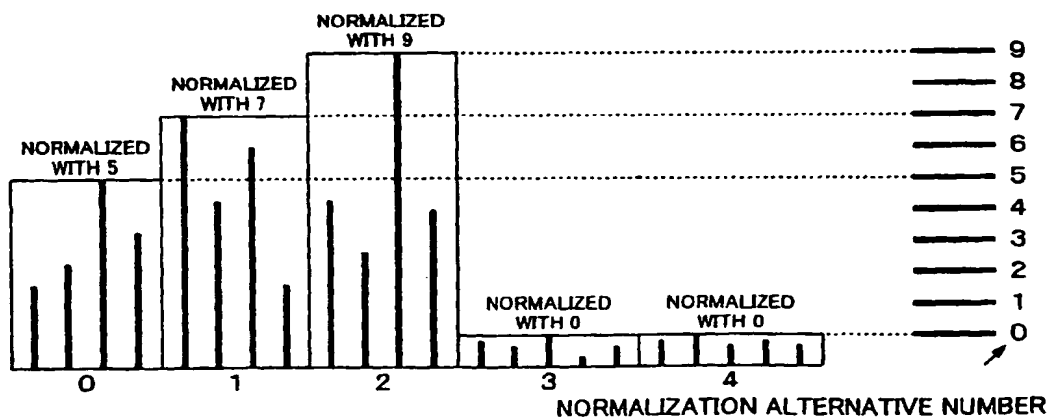


Fig. 13

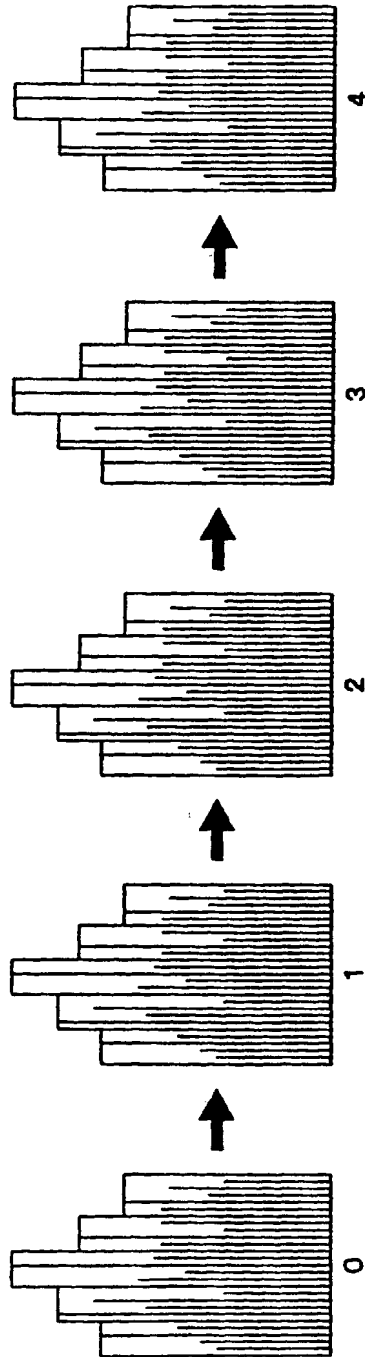
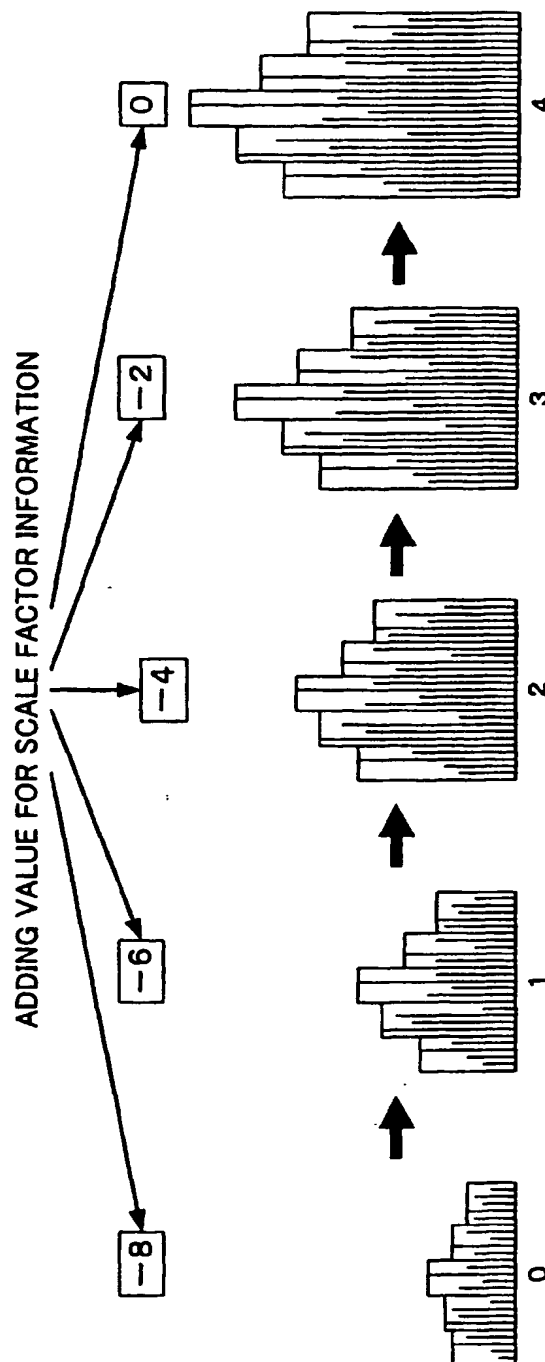


Fig. 14



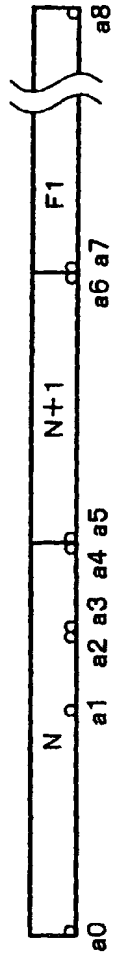


Fig. 15A

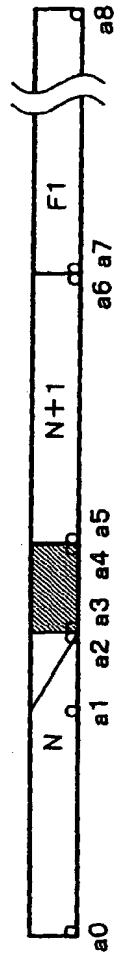


Fig. 15B

Fig. 16A

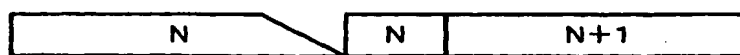


Fig. 16B

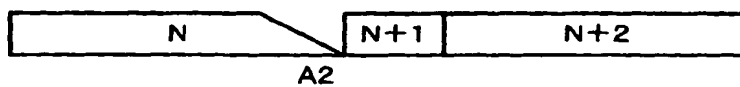


Fig. 16C



Fig. 16D





Fig. 17A

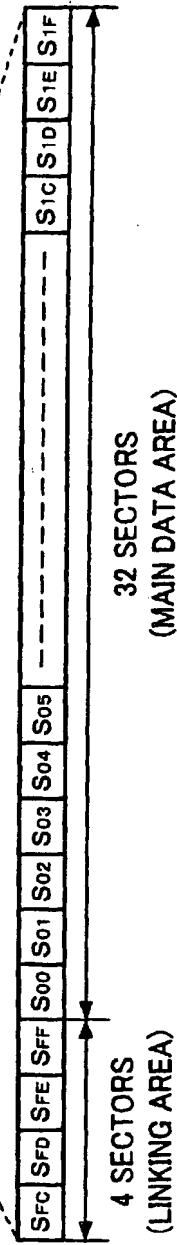


Fig. 17B

Fig. 18A

Fig. 18B

Fig. 18C

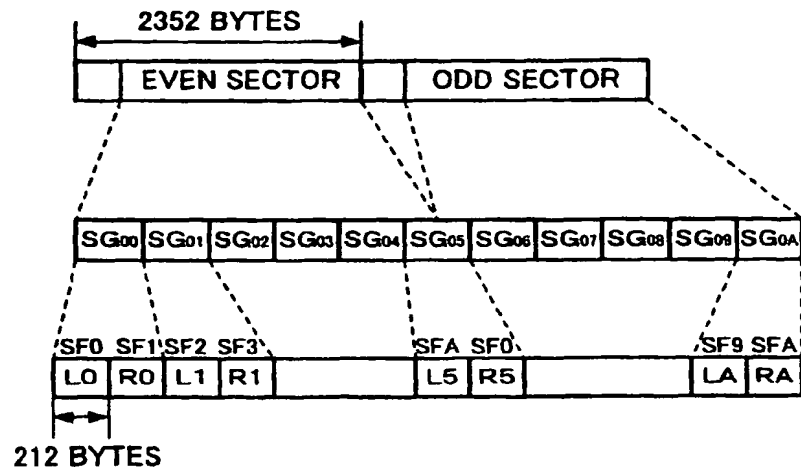


Fig. 19

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		00000000		00000000		00000000		00000000		5		
		00000000		00000000		00000000		00000000		6		
		Maker code		Model code		First TNO		Last TNO		7		
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Fig. 20A**CORRELATION TABLE DESIGNATION DATA PORTION**

P-DFA :	—	P-EMPTY :	04h	P-FRA :	03h
P-TNO1 :	01h	P-TNO2 :	02h	P-TNO3 :	—
P-TNO4 :	—	P-TNO5 :	—	P-TNO6 :	—
P-TNO253 :	—	P-TNO254 :	—	P-TNO255 :	—

Fig. 20B**MANAGEMENT TABLE PORTION (255 PART TABLES)**

	START ADDRESS	END ADDRESS	TRACK MODE	LINK INFORMATION	
(01h)	a0	a4		—	(N)
(02h)	a5	a6		—	(N+1)
(03h)	a7	a8		—	(F1)
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(05h)	—	—		06h	
(06h)	—	—		07h	
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Fig. 21

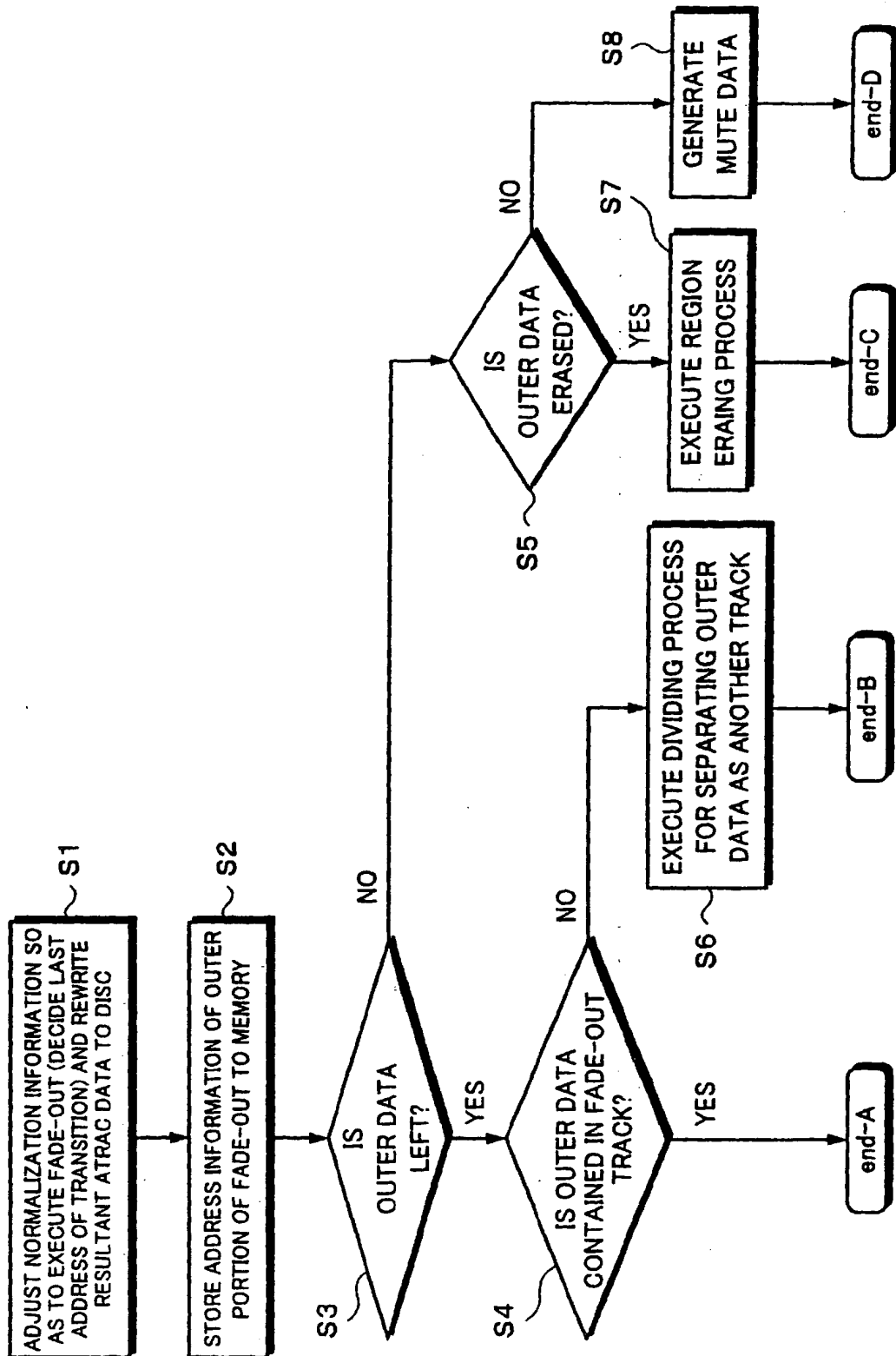


Fig. 22A

CORRELATION TABLE DESIGNATION DATA PORTION

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P-TNO253 : —	P-TNO254 : —	P-TNO255 : —

Fig. 22B

MANAGEMENT TABLE PORTION (255 PART TABLES)

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(03h)	a7	a8		—	(F1)
(04h)	a3	a4		—	
(05h)	—	—		06h	
(06h)	—	—		07h	
(07h)	—	—		08h	
(FEh)	—	—		FFh	
(FF)	—	—		—	

Fig. 23A

CORRELATION TABLE DESIGNATION DATA PORTION

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P-TNO253 : —	P-TNO254 : —	P-TNO255 : —

Fig. 23B

MANAGEMENT TABLE PORTION (255 PART TABLES)

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(03h)	a7	a8		04h	(F1)
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(05h)	—	—		06h	
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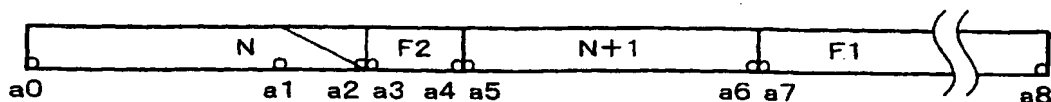
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Fig. 25

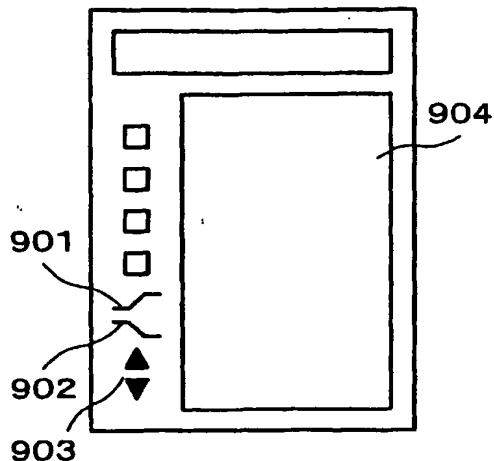


Fig. 26

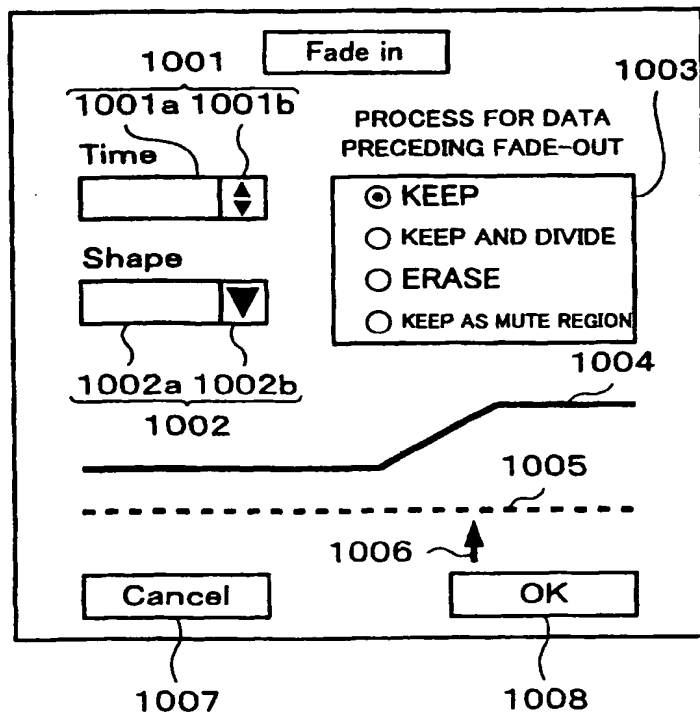


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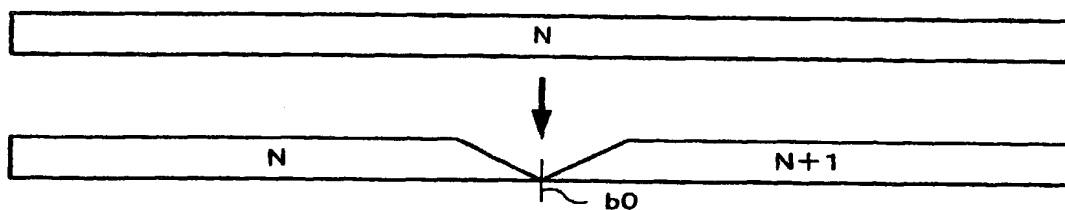
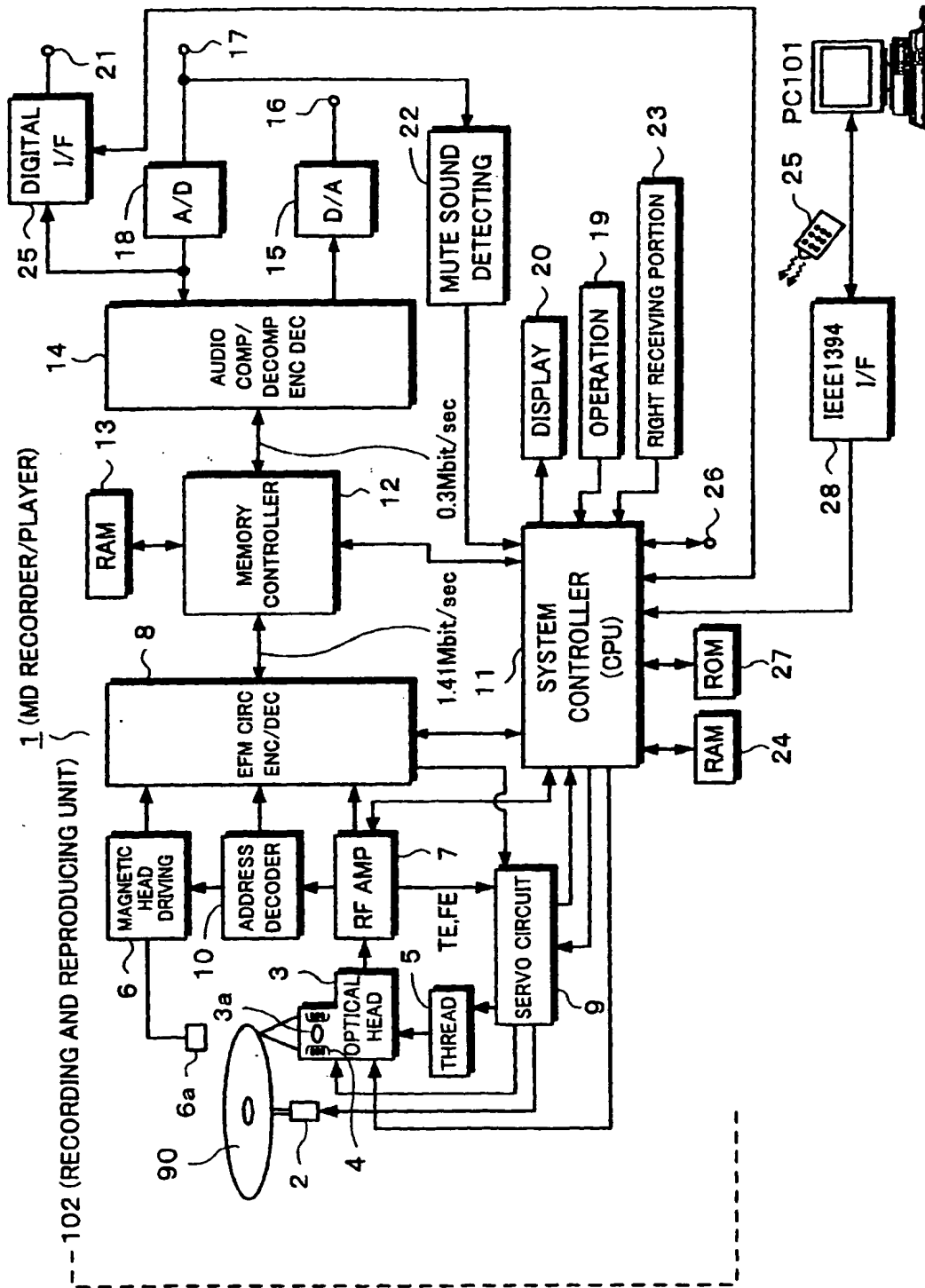


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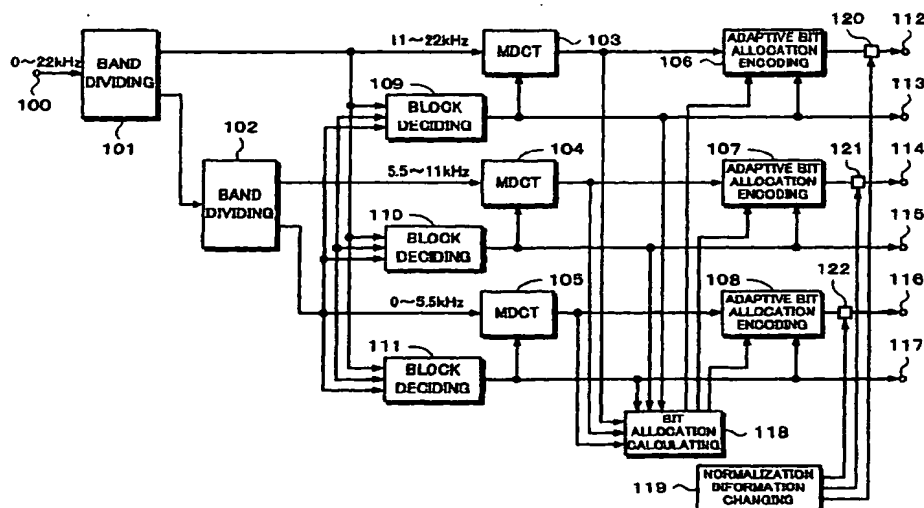
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(54) Editing apparatus and editing method

(57) The present invention is an editing apparatus and an editing method for allowing the user to designate a desired portion of a particular program recorded as a highly efficient encoded digital signal on a record medium, reproducing the portion designated by the user,

changing normalization information contained in the reproduced digital signal, performing a sound field process for the digital signal, and recoding the resultant signal to the record medium, wherein the record position of the program is edited corresponding to the designated portion.

Fig. 1



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